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# DECLARATION

Of the proceedings in the Kingdom of

# SCOTLAND,

CONCERNING

Their Native and Dread Sovereign, *Charles Stuart*, late King  
of *England*; And a Message to His Highnesse the  
Prince of *Wales*.

WITH

The *Declaration* of the Marquis of *Argyle*, and General *Le-*  
*ven*, concerning the Prince, and their Resolution to op-  
pose the bringing in of the Royall Party.

A L S O,

A Letter from the Presbyterian Ministers in the Kingdome  
of *England*, to their Brethren of *Scotland*, touching  
the Parliament and Army.

*And the Answer of the Ministers of Scotland thereunto.*

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**I**nclosed in a Letter from the City of *York*, to a Gentleman  
resident in the City of *London*.

Imprimatur,

THEODORE JENNINGS,

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*A Declaration from the North, containing the proceedings of the Kingdom of Scotland, in reference to the late King of England, and the Prince of Wales.*

*Honoured Sir,*

**VV** Hereas the children of prey, and men lately under the pillar and Cloud of hope, of dividing the spoyle of this miserable kingdome, when it should be reduced from under the Iron of enslaving Tyranny and Oppression (betweene which sad condition, and it, there was even now but one step) should again rise up with passionate out-cries, and be ready to curse the army and their proceedings, and ecchoing forth their poysonous and inveterate ladguage throughout severall corners of this Northern Climate, for alienating and withdrawing the hearts of the people from their due and lawfull Obedience to the supream power, and representative Body of this Nation.

But what these meure, are quires no great matter of wonder, or much observation, their actions being apparent to the world, and appearing visible, written in Characters of innocent Bloud, and all their designs, plots and practises tending only to the erecting and upholding of a tyrannical and arbitrary Government, who have bin great promoters of the late wars against the parl. and kingdom (being of the royal Faction) and are now againe thirsting after the bloud

of the Righteous, their present actions being suitable to their former, importing the same justification in theie their evill and wicked Designs, as appeareth by their present complotings and under-hand listings in severall parts of Westmerland and Cumberland, using all meanes possible to disturb and inflame the peace of the Kingdom, and Jack Presbyter (we hear) hath sent a Declaratory Letter to his beloved Jockie (*viz. the Clergy*) Humbly imploring the sad and bleeding condition of the Church of England, occasioned by the present Reformation, by taking off Tythes, and purging of their fat Incomes, Requiring their present ayd and assistance, for redeeming of their liberties, &c.

**I**n consideration whereof, we hear that their confiding Brethren do concur with them in their desires, and have returned answer,

That they will leave no means unassayed for restauration of them to their former rights and customes, and restoring of the Church of England to its former splendor and glory; and indeed, they have made a fair progresse in order thereunto; for they begin to open in pulpit, like so many Beagles after their game, stirring up the people to rise as one man, for defence of the Kingly power, Monarchical government, and the solemn League and Covenant. But I am confident, that upon their advance to the English Coastes, most of the inhabitants in these parts will generally rise as one man for the parliament and army.

By an Expreffe from *Barwick*, it is advertized, That there is a design agitating in Scotland amongst the great Ones, to invite the Prince of Wales into that Kingdom, and (it is reported) that they are determined to send a message to his Highnesse, the abstract and sum whereof, is said to be as followeth:

*That*

That whereas upon mature deliberation and consideration of the present proceedings in the Kingdom of England, in relation to the tryall of their most gracious and dread Sovereigne, and conceiving there is an intent to cut off the Kingly power, and to extirpate the splendor of Monarchicall Government; in consideration whereof, and out of their loyalty to the same, they humbly beseech His Highnesse to repair into his Fathers Native Kingdom, protesting to sacrifice lives and fortunes in the Defence of his Royall person, and preservation of his just Rights and priviledges, &c.

But there are divers of the honest party in that Kingdome, who have declared against this prerogative Design; and we hear that the Marq. of Argyle, Gen. Leven, and others, have also declared their dissent thereto, which was in these words,

That we shall to the utmost of our lives and fortunes, endeavour the preservation of peace and amity betweene the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England, and that wee do utterly detest and denounce against the bringing in of the malignant and adverse party into this Kingdom, conceiving it to be very prejudiciall and destructive to the peace and tranquility of this Kirk and Kingdom, and that we shall with the hazard of lives and fortunes, endeavour a right understanding between both Nations, against all Dividers and Opposers whatsoever.

This honorable dissent of these two noble Patriots, doth much eclipse and obstruct the present proceedings in Scotland; and its believed, they will be twice adverted before they enter into an Engagement, the burnt Child dreading the fire. Our Forces goe on very successfully against the Enemy at Pontefract, which is all at present, from

Tork 30 Jan. 1648.

Your devoted servant,

H. WILSON.

Severall precepts from the late King of England.

I shall be very little heard of any body here. I shall therefore  
I speak a word unto you here, indeed I could hold my peace very  
well, if I did not think that holding my peace, would make some  
men think I did submit to the guilt, as well as to the punishment,  
but I think it is my duty to God first, and to my Country, for to  
clear my self both as an honest man, and as a good King, and a good  
Christian. I shall begin first upon my innocency. in troth I thinke  
it not very needfull for me to insist long upon this, for all the  
World knowes that I never did begin a War with the two Houses  
of Parliament, and I call God to witness, to whom I must shortly  
make an account, that I never did intend to inroach upon their  
Priviledges, they began upon me, it is the Militia they began upon,  
they confest that the Militia was mine, but they thought it fit for  
to have it from me, and to be short, if any body will looke to the  
dates of Commissions, of their Commissions and mine, and likewise  
to the Declarations, will see clearly that they began these unhappy  
troubles not I, so that as the guilt of these Enormous crimes that  
are laid against me, I hope in God that God will clear me of it, I  
will not, I am in charity; God forbid that I should lay it upon  
the two Houses of Parliament, there is no necessity of either, I  
hope they are free of this guilt, for I do believe that ill instruments  
between them and me hath been the chief cause of all this blood  
shed; so that by way of speaking, as I find my self clear of this, I  
hope (and pray God) that they may too: yet for all this, God forbid  
that I should be so ill a Christian, as to say, that Gods Judgements  
are just upon me: Many times he doth pay Justice by an unjust Sen-  
tence, that is ordinary; I will onely say this; that an unjust Sen-  
tence (meaning the Earl of Strafford) that I suffered to take effect  
is punished now, by an unjust Sentence upon me; that is, so farre I  
have said to shew you that I am an innocent man. Now for to  
shew you that I am a good Christian: I hope there is (pointing to  
Dr. Juxon) a good man that will bear me witness, that I have for-  
given all the world; and even those that in particular, have beene  
the chief causers of my death; who they are God knowes, I do not  
dare to know, I pray God forgive them, But this is not all, my  
Charity must go farther, I wish that they may repent, for they have  
committed a great sin in that particular I pray God with st. Stephen  
that this be not laid to their charge; nay, no: onely so, but that they  
may

may take the right way to the peace of the Kingdom, for my el-  
ty commands me not onely to forgive parricular men, but my cha-  
rity commands to the last gasp, the peace of the Kingdome: So  
(sirs) I do wish with all my soul, and I do hope there is (turning  
to some that wrong) some here will carry it further, that they may  
endeavor the Kingdoms peace. Now I must shew you both how you  
are out of the way; and will put you in a way; first, you are out of  
the way, for certainly all the way you ever have had as yet as I  
could find by any thing is in the way of conquest. Now sir, for to  
put you in the way, believe it you will never do right, nor God will  
never prosper you, untill you give God his due, the king his due  
(that is my successours) and the people their due? I am as much  
for them as any of you: You must give, God his due, by  
regulating rightly his Church (according to his Scripture) which is  
now out of order. For to set you in a way particularly now I cannot  
but onely this, a national synod freely called, freely debating among  
themselves, must settle this, when every opinion is truly heard. For  
King, indeed I will not, (then turning to a Gentleman that touched  
the Ax, said, hurt not the Ax that may hurt me (meaning if he did  
blunt the edge) for the King: the Laws of the Land will clearly in-  
struct you for that; therefore because it concerns my own particu-  
lar, I onely give you a touch of it. For the people, And truly I de-  
sire Liberty and freedom as much as any body whomsoever; but  
I must tell you, that their Liberty, and their freedom, consists in ha-  
ving of government; those laws by which life and their goods, may  
be most their own. It is not for having share in government (sir)  
that is nothing pertaining to them, A subject and a sovereign are  
clean different things, and therefore, untill they do that, I meane,  
that you do put the people in that Liberty as I say, certainly they  
will never enjoy themselves. sirs, it was for this that I am come  
here: If I would have given way to an Arbitrary way, for to have  
all Lawes changed according to the power of the sword, I needed  
not to have come here, and therefore I tell you, (and I pray to God  
it be not laid to your charge) That I am the Martyr of the People.  
Intreth Sirs, I shall not hold you much longer, for I will onely say  
this to you, That in truth I could have desired some little time lon-  
ger, because that I would have put this that I have said in a little  
more order, and a little better digested then I have done, and there-  
fore I hope you will excuse me. I have delivered my Conscience, I  
pray God that you doe take those courses that are best for the good



of the Kingdom, and your owne saluations. Doctor Juxon, Will your Maiesty (though it may be very well knowne your Maiesties affections to Religion, yet it may be expected that you should) say somewhat for the worlds satisfaction.

*King.* I thank you very hery heartily (my Lord) for that had almost forgotten it. *Arroth Sirs,* My Conscience in Religion, I think is very well knowne to all the World, and therefore, I declare before you all, that I dy a Christian according to the profession of the Church of England, as I found it left me by my Father; and this honest man (pointing to Dr. Juxon) I think will witness it. Then turning to the Officers said, *Sirs,* excuse me for this time. I have a good cause, and I have a gracious God; I will say no more. Then the King called to Dr. Juxon for his Night Cap, and having put it on, he said to the Executioner, Does my haire trouble you? who desired him to put it all under his Cap, which the King did accordingly, by the help of the Executioner and the Bishop, and then turning to Dr. Juxon, I have a good Cause, and a gracious God on my side.

*Dr. Juxon.* There is but one stage more. This stage is turbulent and troublesome; it is a short one: But you may consider it will soon carry you a very great way, it will carry you from Earth to Heaven, and there you shall find a great deal of cordiall, joy, and comfort. *King.* I got from a corruptible, to an incorruptible Crown; where no disturbance can be, no disturbance in the world.

*Dr. Juxon.* You are changed from a Temporall to an eternall Crown; a good exchange. The King then said to the Executioner, is my haire well? then the King took off his Cloak and his George, giving his George to Dr. Juxon saying, Remember me to my Son Charles. Then the King put off his Doublet, and being in his Watter-coat, put his Cloak on again; then looking upon the block, said to the Executioner, you must set it fast. *Executioner,* It is fast Sir.

*King.* It might have been a little higher. *Executioner.* It can be no higher Sir. *King.* When I put out my hands this way, then ——— stretching them out. After that, having said two or three words (as he stood) to himself with hands and eyes lifted up immediately stooping down, laid his Neck upon the Block: And then the Executioner again putting his Hair under his Cap, the King said (thinking he had bin going to strike) stay for the sign. *Execut.* Yes, I will, and it please your Maiesty. And after a very little pause, the King stretching forth his hands, the Executioner at one blow, severed his head from his Body.

FINIS.



